Periodical Transfer of Secretariat Officers.

111. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Are the Government aware that keeping an officer in the Secretariat for a long time without interruption not only affects him prejudicially but also tends to impair administrative efficiency?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that other Governments do not ordinarily allow the officers of the Secretariat to remain for more than three years at a time in their places?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The question does not admit of a general answer. Each case will have to be decided on its own merits.

(*b*) Government have no information.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: With reference to Question No. 111, the question which I sent in Malayalam was to the effect "Has the attention of Government been drawn to.....?". The form in which it is put in in the printed list of Questions and Answers is different.

PRESIDENT: The meaning of your question is "Are Government aware.....?". The translation puts your question more forcibly than the original. We are not expected to give a literal translation of your questions. If you are so very punctilious about the form of your questions, the best course for you would be to send them up in English itself.

An Indian Director of Public Instruction and an Educational Expert in the Huzur Secretariat.

112. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any attention has been bestowed or any action taken on the proposal made in the course of the general discussion on the budget at the last session of the Legislative Council that a Travancorean should be appointed as the Director of Public Instruction and that there should be an educational expert in the Huzur Secretariat?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The present Director of Public Instruction is a covenanted officer and his term of office according to his covenant extends up to January, 1925. Government do not consider it necessary to have experts in the Huzur Secretariat.

Return of Appointments in Educational Offices.

113. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-wise statement showing the name, pay, etc., of the clerks of the various grades in the several offices of the Education Department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

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